

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Indiana troops left for Brownsville Thursday, 4,300 men and officers.

David Lloyd-George has been appointed to succeed Kitchener as Secretary of War.

The trial of Wm. H. Orpet, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, is nearing an end. The prosecution has made a weak case.

Representative J. A. M. Adair, Democratic nominee for Governor, says if the election was held now Wilson would sweep Indiana by 50,000.

The bodies of Capt. Chas. T. Boyd, Lieut. Henry Adair and seven negro soldiers killed at Carrizal have been brought to El Paso. The bodies had been stripped of their uniforms and buried in the same grave.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis that is sweeping New York is carrying off a child every hour. From June 26 to July 5, there were 702 cases and 138 deaths. It has already spread to Newark, N. J.

Examinations are proceeding at Ft. Thomas and estimates place the rejections at 40 per cent. or about 1,000 of the 2,500 men. This would leave Co. D with more than the minimum number of 65.

The Republican committee has recommended Thos. L. Walker for a place on the State Election Commission instead of R. C. Stoll the present member. He belongs to the Hert faction.

Starving Mexican women shouting "viva gringos" have stormed the governor's palace at San Luis Potosi, according to reports received by Gen. Pershing. The real money spent by the Americans has made a profound impression in Mexico.

Maj. Alex Dade, in a letter to his sister, Mrs. W. A. Glass, says he was with his command in both of the fights with Villa men at Guerrero and Tarnochief. He is in Col. Dodd's Seventh cavalry.

Carranza's last note verges on abject humility and the President now has the opportunity to arrange peace terms without going to war. Somebody has evidently beaten some sense into the Mexican's head.

The seven banks in Christian county show a total of \$2,480,888.75 in deposits July 1. This includes only a small part of the \$400,000 bond money, the bulk of which is on time deposits at 3 per cent. interest until needed. All of the banks have had a successful half-year, paying dividends from six to ten per cent.

Viscount Bryce in a speech Wednesday said peace is impossible until Germany is thoroughly whipped. He said Great Britain was fighting for the deliverance of Belgium and France and such changes in the east as will make it impossible for the Turkish allies of Germany "ever again to massacre their christian subjects."

Judge Reed granted an injunction in the Paducah City Commission cases and then dismissed the injunction, opening the way to an appeal by the Washington appointees. This leaves Gov. Stanley's appointees in for the present. The Governor's act is liable to stand for the reason that the single Commissioner left in office could not do business in the absence of a quorum.

They Whip Bulls.

Adj. Gen. J. Tandy Ellis reports a conversation relative to the courage of the Mexicans. Two Irishmen were discussing conditions along the border and one remarked that he could go to Mexico and whip every native, adding that Mexicans won't fight. "Won't fight," said the other, "Why, faith and they whip bulls down there and what chance do you think you would have?"

France has 800,000 war orphans.

WAR CLOUD DISAPPEARS

Arredondo Informally Notified Proposal to Adjust Difficulties by Negotiations.

TRANQUILIZE BORDER

Militia to Be Kept on Line as Long as Slightest Danger of Raid Exists.

Washington, July 7.—The de facto government of Mexico has been notified through Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador-designate, that the United States welcomed Gen. Carranza's proposal to adjust all pending differences between the two governments by direct diplomatic negotiations. Later a formal note will confirm the ambassador's report.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing plans to leave for a month's vacation. Counsellor Polk will administer the affairs of the state department in his absence and meet Mr. Arredondo in the informal discussions at which a solution of the Mexican problems will be sought.

AID IN RETSORING ORDER.

It was evident at the state department that officials that believe an opportunity has now been presented out of which may come a means of giving the de facto government material aid in restoring order throughout Mexico. It is known that the pacific nature of the Mexican note which brought the crisis between the governments to an end is construed here as indicating that Gen. Carranza, besides being impressed by American military preparations has been deeply influenced by the pressure and argument brought to bear on him by friends in the United States, European diplomats in Mexico City and particularly by reports of the many Latin-American powers. The latter have exerted themselves to the utmost to avert war and to foster in Gen. Carranza's mind the idea of Pan-American unity.

TRANQUILIZE BORDER FIRST.

While the immediate purpose of the negotiations in which Secretary Lansing's note is to be the first step will be the evolution of some plan for tranquilizing the border regions, the discussion may take on a wider scope. There is little doubt that Mr. Arredondo received the impression from Secretary Lansing that if adequate guarantees as to the security of American and foreign interests in Mexico could be secured the Washington government believes it possible that the financial aid so greatly needed by the de facto authorities could be found.

Mobilization of the national guard continues to go forward on schedule, according to war department reports and the state soldiers are certain to gain valuable experience on the border before they are released from the federal service. Just how long it will be necessary to maintain all or part of the force to aid the regulars in patrol duty cannot now be predicted with accuracy.

Events in Mexico will determine that. It is certain, however, that the entire mobile regular army will be kept on border garrison while there is the remotest danger of new bandits uprising.

Double Tragedy.

Lancaster, Pa., July 7.—In a crowded waiting room at the Reading railroad station here Tuesday night, Charles Dawson shot his wife, Madge, and then committed suicide. They are said to be from Amsterdam, N. Y. The woman, though hit by seven bullets, remained on her feet until she reached a grass plot outside. Dawson followed, picked her up in his arms, kissed her, then sent a bullet through his own head. Both died later in a hospital.

Storm Damage.

Seventeen dead and property loss aggregating several million is the toll of the storm that swept Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

KY. GUARDSMEN ARE TOO LIGHT

Many More Rejected—An Angry Woman Causes First Wounded Trooper.

Fort Thomas, Ky., July 7.—Rejections continued to run heavy yesterday among the state guardsmen, who presented themselves for examination by the federal officers. Company E, First regiment, Louisville, losing approximately fifty men, out of an enlistment of 127, and Company F, of Louisville, 24 out of an enlistment of 147. The main deficiency again was that of weight.

The field hospital was busy today caring for the men who took their second inoculation for typhoid. This process resulted in a complete loss of "pep" by the men that submitted arms to the physicians last night. Sore arms, headaches and drowsiness were the order of the day.

The field hospital corps was called upon today to care for its first wounded man, when Private Bryant Parr, Company I, Lexington, was brought in with both feet suffering from bird shot wounds inflicted by a woman living on the river bank just outside the grounds.

Parr's story was to the effect that he went to the river to wash some clothes and arrived there just as a street car filled with soldiers was passing the house of the woman, who was being jeered by the soldiers. She turned into the house, secured a shotgun, and blazed away in the direction of the car. His wounds, it was announced, were not serious.

REARED IN THIS COUNTY

Cancer of Stomach Causes Death of Prominent Citizen of Trigg.

Ross R. Morris, a leading citizen of Trigg county and a native of Christian, died a few days ago at his home near Wallonia, of cancer of the stomach. He was 64 years old and is survived by his wife and several children. Mr. Morris was a member of the Christian church.

Haley-Rogers.

Ralph Haley and Miss Fern Rogers, young people of the Palestine neighborhood, North Christian, were married in Clarksville a few days ago.

ASK MANY QUESTIONS

Can Guardsmen Be Court-martialed for Refusal Still Undecided.

New York, July 7.—What disposition shall be made of National Guardsmen who refuse to take the new oath of allegiance pledging themselves to foreign service, if it is required, has become too big a problem for the department commanders, it was learned last night at headquarters of the Department of the East and the question has been placed in the hands of the Judge Advocate General at Washington. It is understood at Governor's Island that among the questions the Judge Advocate General has been asked to answer are:

Can the offender be permitted to remain a member of the guard performing duty at the home station or depot?

Can he be court-martialed?

Can he be drafted for service?

Whichever of these courses is approved by the Judge Advocate it was said at division headquarters here, will be adopted by all department commanders.

No anxiety is felt about the French sardine supply as long as herring continue plentiful along our coast.

It is solemnly promised that the noble Carranza troops will start out after Villa on June 31.

NEW SUPT. FOR REFORM HOUSES

Ernest J. Howell Succeeds J. W. Milliken at Greendale.

Frankfort, Ky., July 7.—Ernest J. Howell, of Owensboro, will succeed John W. Milliken as superintendent of the house of reform at Greendale August 1. Mr. Howell was elected to the position by the State Board of Prison Commissioners. Mrs. O. B. Williams, of Owensboro, daughter of the late Alf Taylor, Tennessee Congressman, and niece of former Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, was appointed stenographer at the institution.

No other positions were considered by the board at this meeting, as the terms of the wardens and other officers and guards at the two institutions expire August 30 under the new prison law. Some of these will be filled at the first meeting in August, the terms to be for four years.

COMMISSIONERS MET WEDNESDAY

And Cited a Saloon Man to Answer Serious Charges.

The City Commissioners met Wednesday and cited A. A. Ferguson, a saloon keeper, to appear and show cause why his license should not be revoked on a charge of keeping open after midnight.

Penn & Polk, proprietors of a colored pool room, were given a similar notice, on a charge that Penn permitted gaming on his premises.

Two ordinances were also passed. One re-enacts an old ordinance requiring weeds to be cut on vacant lots and the other requires butchers and meat vendors to keep wagons screened in which fresh meats are being hauled during the summer months.

SHOT FROM AIRGUN

Hits Little Joseph Knight Above Right Eye.

Joseph Knight, the little five-year-old son of Judge and Mrs. Walter Knight, narrowly escaped the loss of an eye yesterday morning. A little negro boy across the street shot from an airgun a BB shot that went wild and struck the little boy over the right eye. The shot after glancing was imbedded under the skin about an inch from the eye. Dr. R. L. Woodard rendered surgical aid and the injury is slight.

OFFICIAL VOTE

Gave Wets a Majority of 66 at Gracey.

The official vote in the Gracey prohibition election Wednesday was 158 wet and 92 dry, or 66 majority for the wet side. The Drys realized the fight was hopeless and made little effort to close the saloons.

After Something Bigger.

Former Governor James B. McCreary resigned yesterday as president of the Kentucky Rural Credits Association, and Robert McDowell, of Louisville, was elected to succeed him. Governor McCreary said he will give up his Lexington quarters and return to his home at Richmond. He expects to go to Atlantic City for a month's vacation soon. He remains on the Board of Directors.

\$7,000 To Discover America.

The discovery of America cost a little more than seven thousand dollars; at least so say some documents that have just been found in the archives of Genoa. These documents give the value of Columbus' fleet as \$3,000. The great admiral was paid a salary of \$300 a year; the two captains who accompanied him received a salary of \$200 each, and the members of the crews were paid at the rate of \$2.50 a month each.

DIES THINKING SON CAPTAIN

Aged Man Is Not Told of His Son's Glorious Death.

Portland, Ore., July 7.—Without knowing his son had met death on the Carrizal battlefield, Samuel Adair, the father of Lieut. Henry Rodney Adair, is dead after a lingering illness. His last words were for his son.

"Henry is now a captain," he said. "Henry has received his promotion."

Lieut. Adair was to have been a captain July 1. Morris Adair, another son, telegraphed to El Paso today asking that his brother's body be sent here. Father and son probably will be buried at the same time.

Samuel Adair was in his sixty-ninth year. He came with his father to Oregon in 1848 from Louisville, Ky.

Killed By Hand Car.

Princeton, Ky., July 7.—Luther Fralick, aged twenty-four, single, was instantly killed here by being run over by a hand car. He was employed as a section laborer by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, and was thrown under the hand car when it became derailed by running through an open switch.

Robbers Shoot Four.

St. Mary's Kan., July 7.—Four persons were shot, one probably fatally, by robbers who escaped after stealing \$2,400 from the St. Mary's bank here Wednesday. The robbers came in an automobile with a woman who stood guard while three robbers fired upon fleeing citizens.

TO BE HEAD OF REFORMATORY

Will Replace Warden A. J. G. Wells.—Chilton May Stay.

Frankfort, Ky., July 7.—T. M. Phythian, now aide to Gov. Stanley, will be elected warden of the Frankfort Reformatory to succeed Warden A. J. G. Wells. It is probable that Warden John B. Chilton, of the Eddyville Penitentiary, will be retained.

No intimation is given as to who Mr. Phythian's successor will be, but that there will be a vacancy in the Governor's immediate official household September 1 is a certainty. Mr. Phythian has spent his working life in various capacities about the prison, having been a deputy warden, and his greatest ambition has always been to be head of the prison staff.

DROWNS WHILE BATHING.

Owen Potter, of Bowling Green, Loses Life in Barren River.

Bowling Green, Ky., July 4.—Owen Potter, 23 years old, clerk of the water works and cemetery departments, was accidentally drowned in Barren river, two miles from the city, this afternoon at 4 o'clock while in bathing with several young men and women. Young Potter attempted to swim to the other side a distance of only twenty feet, when he became exhausted. Miss Nell Drake, who rescued a man from drowning last Friday, arrived too late to save him. The body was found two hours later.

Potter was a son of the late Lucien B. Potter. He succeeded his father in his position. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Sallie Tuck Potter, and a brother, David T. Potter, of Lexington. He was a nephew of Mrs. Herrchel P. Smith, of Louisville, and J. Whit Potter, president of the American National Bank of this city. He was an Elk.

The Ellis Ice Co. announces that it will, beginning July 10, supply the public with pure distilled water bottled for family use. It will be handled in sealed bottles of various sizes and will be delivered in quantities to suit.

AUSTRIANS ARE AGAIN DRIVEN BACK

Consolidation of Gains on The West Occupies Attention of British.

RUSSIAN VICTORY GREAT

Germans Shift Bulk of Defenders on Somme to Face The French.

London, July 7.—Violent counterattacks by the Germans on almost the entire line of the French advance in the Somme region, show a change in the situation from the earlier days of the Anglo-French offensive.

Meanwhile both French and British are consolidating their positions and are undoubtedly making preparations for a repetition of the great bombardment which preceded the first impetuous rush.

While the situation in the Verdun region remains comparatively quiet there are heavy bombardments on both sides of the Meuse. No advances are recorded by either French or Germans.

The seriousness of the Russian drive against the Austrians and Germans in the last month is indicated in reports from Petrograd which say the Austro-German losses, in the endeavor to stay the advance of Gen. Brusiloff's armies, total nearly a half million men, about half of whom are prisoners. Not less than 250 guns of various sizes and more than 700 machine guns and an immense quantity of other booty have been taken.

The Austrians admit a serious defeat west of Kolomea, where they were driven back nearly five miles.

The latest official statement from the Russian war office announces the capture of approximately 10,000 additional prisoners, 5,000 of whom are said to be Germans, taken in a recent battle on the Dnieper. About 5,000 other prisoners were captured on other sectors of the Russian front.

The Germans admit the withdrawal of Gen. von Bothmer's army in the Tarnopol sector before the powerful attacks of the Russians. They concede also an advance by the British south of Thiepval in the western zone.

Women in War.

High school girls are flocking in bands to the Russian trenches and joining the army as private soldiers. Some have been killed in battle and are buried in the flat steppes of Poland or on the steep slopes of the Carpathians.

Many have marched off further to the front, and through changes in regimental formation have been completely lost to their friends at home who have no clues to their fate. Some are in German internment camps, of these is Martha Malko, who fought beside her subaltern husband until he was killed and she was taken prisoner. She is now a prisoner at Schoulen.

Remarkable stories come from Russia showing to what great extent Russian women are flocking to the Czar's standard. They show rare bravery and are calm in face of danger.

Women throughout Europe are doing men's work in factories and in the open, but only in Russia and her little ally, Serbia, are they actually fighting side by side with men in the battle field.

Meats Stay High.

High meat prices prevail throughout the world. One reason for this is the fact that production has failed to keep pace with the increase in population. Other contributory causes given are the increased cost of production and diminished purchasing power of the money unit. An increasing feature of the situation in the United States is that while the production of meat is on the increase, it is not yet proportionate to the growth of production.